

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following amended paragraph:

[0011] The illustrative embodiments have the following aspects (notes in parentheses indicate exemplary elements which can be found in the illustrative embodiments to follow, though such notes are not intended to limit the scope of the ~~invention~~ example embodiments).

Please replace paragraph [0034] with the following amended paragraph:

[0034] Hereinafter, an illustrative embodiment will be described with reference to the drawings. A case where the illustrative embodiments are applied to a game system will be described, but the ~~present invention~~ example embodiment presented herein is not limited to game systems.

Please replace paragraph [0076] with the following amended paragraph:

[0076] While the ~~present invention~~ example embodiment presented herein has been described in detail, the foregoing description is in all aspects illustrative and not restrictive. It is understood that numerous other modifications and variations can be devised without departing from the scope of the ~~present invention~~ example embodiment.